

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Revenue Department – Convergence among Departments of Revenue, Rural Development, tribal Welfare, Forest and others for ensuring greater access to land for the SCs / STs and other poor – Constitution of Committees and comprehensive operational guidelines – Orders – Issued.

Revenue (Assignments.I) Department

G.O. Ms. No. 69

Dated 10.02.2014.

Read the following :-

1. G.O. Ms. No.1148, Revenue (Assn.I) Department, dated 27.12.2002,
2. Circular Instructions issued by the Special CS and CCLA, AP Hyderabad dated 7.12.2006, 08.12.2006, 09.12.2006, 11.12.2006.
3. G.O. Ms. No.1176, Revenue (Assn.POT) Department, dated 05.09.2007.
4. Minutes of the State Level Convergence Meeting held on 22.3.2013.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. 1st read above, the Government have put in place convergence mechanism between the Revenue Department and Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP), Hyderabad to work in close coordination to achieve the following objectives:

- (i) Ensuring physical possession of land to SCs/STs and other poor people who have got legal titles;
 - (ii) Ensuring legal rights over the lands which are in possession of the poor including incorporation in all revenue records;
 - (iii) Ensuring legal ownership and physical possession to the poor over all the lands which are assignable;
 - (iv) Purchase land for the poor as per the guidelines formulated whenever required.
- 2.** In the said G.O., Committees have also been constituted at State, District, Sub-Divisional and Mandal level for reviewing the progress in achieving convergence and integration and also the progress in linking the poor with their lands. The Special Chief Secretary and CCLA has also issued certain circular instructions in the subject matter.
- 3.** In the G.O. 3rd read above, Government have constituted three (3) Committees to review and monitor implementation of Koneru Ranga Rao Committee recommendations and also appointed a Special Commissioner in the O/o Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP Hyderabad exclusively to oversee the implementation of KRRC recommendations.
- 4.** In terms of the orders issued in G.O. Ms. No.1148, Revenue (Assn.I) Department, dated 27.12.2002, State Level Convergence Committee meeting held on 22.3.2013, and the Committee has observed that the G.O. Ms. No.1148, dated 27.12.2002 is more than ten (10) years old and considerable changes have taken place with regard to Land Access for the poor such as acceptance of KRRC Recommendations by the Government, enactment of legislations like the Forest

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Rights Act, the Licensed Cultivators Act etc. Considering the similarities in intention and review and monitoring mechanisms put in place in both the G.Os i.e. 1st and 3rd read above, and other connected circulars issued by the Special CS and CCLA from time to time, it has been felt that, there is a need to issue comprehensive guidelines amalgamating the provisions covered under the existing as stated above.

5. In circumstances stated by the CEO- Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP), Hyderabad, and recommendations of the Special Chief Secretary and Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP Hyderabad, and also taking into minutes of the State Level Convergence Committee meeting held on 22.3.2013 and after careful examination of the matter, hereby issues the following comprehensive guidelines for enhancing the land access of the poor in the State, by superseding the orders issued in the G.Os 1st and 3rd read above, and other connected circulars issued by the Special CS and CCLA.

Constitution of Committees:

A. State Level Advisory Committee (SLAC)

(i)	Minister for Revenue, Relief, Rehabilitation & ULC	Chairman
(ii)	Minister for Forests	Member
(iii)	Minister for Endowments and Registration	Member
(iv)	Minister for Social Welfare	Member
(v)	Minister for Tribal Welfare	Member
(vi)	Minister for Minorities Welfare	Member
(vii)	Minister for IKP, Pensions, SHGs, Women Development, Child Welfare, Disability Welfare and Juvenile Welfare	Member
(viii)	Minister for Rural Development	Member
(ix)	Principal Secretary – Revenue	Member
(x)	Principal Secretary – Forests	Member
(xi)	Principal Secretary – Endowments & Registration	Member
(xii)	Principal Secretary – Social Welfare	Member
(xiii)	Principal Secretary – Tribal Welfare	Member
(xiv)	Principal Secretary – Minority Welfare	Member
(xv)	Principal Secretary – Rural Development	Member
(xvi)	Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, AP Hyderabad	Convener

B. State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC)

(i)	Chief Commissioner of Land Administration	Chairman
(ii)	Principal Secretary – Social Welfare	Member
(iii)	Principal Secretary – E.F.S.&T	Member
(iv)	Principal Secretary – Revenue	Member
(v)	Principal Secretary – Rural Development	Member
(vi)	Commissioner – Tribal Welfare	Member
(vii)	Commissioner – Minorities Welfare	Member
(viii)	Commissioner – Survey Settlement and Land Administration	Member
(ix)	Commissioner – Agriculture	Member
(x)	Commissioner – Rural Development	Member
(xi)	Commissioner – Endowments	Member
(xii)	MD- SC Corporation	Member
(xiii)	Special Commissioner O/o CCLA AP Hyd.	Member
(xiv)	Commissioner, R&R	Member
(xv)	Convener , SLBC	Member
(xvi)	Government Pleader for Revenue, HC of AP Hyderabad.	Member
(xvii)	Two Representatives of NGOs / Agricultural Unions working on land issues	Members
(xviii)	Chief Executive Officer, SERP, Hyderabad	Convener

C. District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC)

(i)	Collector and District Magistrate	Chairman
(ii)	Joint Collector and Additional District Magistrate	Co-Chairman
(iii)	Project Director, DRDA	Convener
(iv)	Project Officer, ITDA	Member
(v)	Sub-Collector / Revenue Divisional Officers	Member
(vi)	Project Director, DWMA	Member
(vii)	Joint Director, Agriculture	Member
(viii)	District Forest Officer	Member
(ix)	Deputy Collector, KRRC	Member
(x)	Executive Director, SC Corporation	Member

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(xi)	District Tribal Welfare Officer	Member
(xii)	(2) Zilla Mahila Samakhya Office Bearers	Members
(xiii)	Assistant Director, Survey and Land Records	Member
(xiv)	(2) Representatives of NGOs/Agricultural Unions working at District Level on land issues	Members
(xv)	Government Pleader / P.P. of the District to be a Special Invitee wherever required.	Member

D. Revenue Divisional Level Monitoring Committee (RLMC)

(i)	Sub-Collector / Revenue Divisional Officer	Chairman
(ii)	MPDOs in the Division	Member
(iii)	Tahsildars in the Division	Member
(iv)	Deputy Inspector of Survey	Member
(v)	IKP Paralegals / community Surveyors of the Division	Member
(vi)	Presidents, Mandal Samakhya in the Division	Member
(vii)	Area Coordinators, DRDA of the Division	Convener

E. Mandal Level Monitoring Committee (MLMC)

(i)	Tahsildar	Chairman
(ii)	Deputy Tahsildar / Revenue Inspectors / Mandal Surveyor	Members
(iii)	APM (Mandal Samakhya Coordination)	Convener
(iv)	MPDO / APO, EGS	Member
(v)	Village Organizations Land Sub-Committee members	Member
(vi)	IKP Paralegal /Community Surveyor	Member
(vii)	All Village Revenue Officers	Members

Functions of the Committee

The above Committee shall

- (i) Put in place systems for effective management of government lands and common and review the progress so as to ensure their protection and access to the poor on priority;
- (ii) Review the status of improvement and effective maintenance of Land records including Record of rights;

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- (iii) Review Progress of securing and enhancing Tribals' land access with reference to Land Transfer Regulations (LTR), Forest Rights Act (FRA), Forest Settlement Process etc.
- (iv) To conduct comprehensive and periodic survey and enjoyment status of the lands held on cooperative mode like the CJFS/Labour Cooperative/Lanka Land Societies, ascertain and to take steps for resumption /reassignment to the eligible leaseholder / assignee;

To frame policy guidelines for enfranchisement / dissolution where necessitated owing to non availability of original assignees and alienation of the lands held in cooperative mode thereby assigning the same under terms of D patta to individual assignees;

To link the inventory and data base to the Mee Seva servers for effecting suitable categorization of the lands so that government lands are protected.
- (v) Review progress of issue of Loan Eligibility Cards and related benefits to licensed cultivators as well as possibility of implementing Tenancy Act.
- (vi) Put in place strong protective systems and review their implementation to ensure that the lands held by the poor, particularly the SCs and STs, either owned or assigned to them, are in their possession and enjoyment.
- (vii) Land issues pertaining to SC/ST families shall be taken up first on priority basis for resolution on saturation mode and land issues of other can be taken up later.
- (viii) Ensure periodic updating of SC/ST Land Inventory done by IKP and resolution of land issues identified by Paralegals and Community Surveyors.
- (ix) Review and strengthen legal aid mechanisms for the land-related court cases of the poor and track the disposal of court cases by Revenue Magistrates / Courts.
- (x) Review progress of resolution of land issues during Revenue Sadassulu conducted from time to time.
- (xi) Review inter-departmental coordination and integration and sort out any coordination issues among departments and bring in effective convergence.

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- (xii) Explore all available opportunities for enhancing land access for the poor, and review implementation of all existing and future possibilities like Land Purchase Schemes, land Lease, Land Ceiling Act, Protected Tenancy Act, Government land distribution, Bhoodan, Settlement of Inams, Leasing of Endowment Lands etc.
- (xiii) Review the implementation of AP Homesteads Act.
- (xiv) Review existing BSOs, Acts, Circulars issued from time to time and recommend modifications if any for effective implementation for benefitting poor people.
- (xv) Put in place systems for ensuring transparency in maintenance of land records and make them available for public scrutiny following methods like public wall writings etc.
- (xvi) Put in place, review and monitor the progress of linking lands of the poor with land development programmes.
- (xvii) Review implementation of Koneru Ranga Rao Land Committee recommendations, and make available the recommendation-wise progress in public domain.
- (xviii) Put in place systems and review the progress related to sensitizing the Revenue Machinery to reinforce pro-poor perspective.
- (xix) Prepare time bound action plans for all the above and review implementation.

6. The State Level Advisory Committee (SLAC) shall meet once in every quarter and review the progress based on the report received from State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC). The SLMC shall meet once in every quarter before the meeting of SLAC. The District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC), the Revenue Divisional Level Monitoring Committee (RLMC) and Mandal Level Monitoring Committee (MLMC) shall meet in the 4th 3rd and 2nd week of every month respectively.

7. The District Collectors shall conduct convergence committee meetings at District level regularly and also see that the convergence meetings are held at Revenue Divisional and Mandal level regularly. In addition, the District Collectors / Joint Collectors shall also attend fortnightly experience sharing meetings at least once in a month, held at Zilla Samakhya land centers with APD/DPMs-Land, Legal Coordinators, Land Managers, Paralegals and Community Surveyors. The land issues brought to notice by Zilla Samakhya and its land staff shall be addressed on priority basis.

8. IKP Land staff at State / District / Mandal shall be provided with updated copies of digital survey records like Sethwar / RSR / Village Maps from Survey Settlements and Lands Records Department, Adangal / Pahani, 1B Registers, Assignment Registers etc. by the Revenue Department and other land records from any Department as and when required to enable them to physically verify and brief the field position to the Revenue functionaries.

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9. Two Representatives from the Civil Society Organizations working on the land issues will be nominated as members to the SLMC and DLMC and their term is 2 years from the date of issue of the orders by the Government. For the SLMC, the Government nominates the CSO representatives based on the proposal received from the CCLA and for the DLMC and the CCLA nominates the CSO representatives based on the proposal received from District Collectors.

10. The SLMC shall cause independent studies done from time to time to assess the progress of the initiatives taken for enhancing the access to land for the poor and take required steps to improve the same.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B.R.MEENA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Special Chief Secretary and CCLA,
AP Hyderabad.
The Pri.Secy- concerned.
The HODs – concerned.
All the District Collectors.
All Chairman / Members of the Committees
(thro' Collectors)
All the PS to Ministers
The PS To CS.
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